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TAGS: CASC, UR, US  
SUBJECT: SHADRIN CASE

REF: STATE 114811

1. I DO NOT BELIEVE VOGEL WOULD OBJECT TO MY INVOLVEMENT  
IN AN APPROACH FOR AN EXCHANGE OF PRISONERS TO INCLUDE  
SHADRIN AS OUTLINED REFTEL. IN MY PAST DISCUSSIONS OF  
SHADRIN WITH VOGEL, HE NEVER CONVEYED THAT MY ROLE WAS A  
COMPLICATING FACTOR IN THE SENSE THAT COPAKEN STATES,  
THAT IS, THAT ANY OFFICIAL USG INVOLVEMENT WOULD CAUSE  
PROBLEMS. COPAKEN HAS ALWAYS BEEN INSISTENT ON THIS POINT,  
BUT THE MAY 26, 1976 SVINGEL PITCH AND WHAT TOOK PLACE  
THERAFTER (USBER 1334) SHOWS HE IS NOT ON VERY FIRM  
GROUND. FOR VOGEL AND OTHERS IN THE EAST, IN ANY CASE,  
IT IS DIFFICULT TO CONCEIVE THAT COPEKAN IS ANYTHING  
OTHER THAN A USG AGENT OF SOME SORT.

2. BEST SITUATION FROM OUR VIEWPOINT WOULD BE FOR  
ME TO BROACH THE NEW DEAL WITH VOGEL ON MY OWN.  
HAVING COPAKEN ALONG COMPLICATES THINGS SOMEWHAT.  
THIS IS NOT A MAJOR FACTOR, HOWEVER. I AM SURE THAT

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EVEN IN A THREE-WAY MEETING I WOULD HAVE OPPORTUNITY  
FOR PRIVATE EXCHANGES WITH VOGEL. THIS IS WHAT  
HAPPENED BEFORE. THE BULK OF THE CONVERSATION WAS IN  
GERMAN, AND SINCE I INTERPRETED PART OF THE TIME FOR  
COPAKEN, I WAS ABLE TO MANAGE THE DIRECTION OF THE  
DISCUSSION.

3. I CAN BE AVAILABLE ON SHORT NOTICE TO MEET VOGEL.  
FROM POST VIEWPOINT, WITH NO AMBASSADOR HERE, VIENNA  
WOULD BE THE MOST SUITABLE SITE, BUT I COULD ALSO  
TRAVEL TO BERLIN IF NECESSARY, ASSUMING DEPARTMENT'S  
PERMISSION TO LEAVE POLITICAL COUNSELOR TRINKA  
TEMPORARILY IN CHARGE.

4. BEFORE ANY MEETING WITH VOGEL I WOULD BE GRATEFUL  
FOR FURTHER GUIDANCE ON NEGOTIATING CONTEXT AND LIMITS.  
MUST THE EXCHANGE BE ONLY RUSSIAN FOR CHILEAN PRISONERS? COULD OTHER  
EASTERN COUNTRIES BE INVOLVED--GDR, CZECHOSLOVAKIA?  
MUST THE DEAL BE ON A ONE-TO-ONE BASIS? IF, FOR EXAMPLE,  
THERE WAS ANY POSSIBILITY OF GETTING SHADRIN, WE  
MIGHT FIND WE WOULD BE ASKED TO GIVE THE 13  
CHILEAN COMMUNISTS FOR HIM ALONE. MEEHAN

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